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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

Michael D. Ellis et al.

Serial No.

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For

PROGRAM GUIDE DATA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

WITH CONFIGURABLE QUEUES

Group Art Unit:

2758

Examiner

Kenneth Coulter

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the December 20, 1999 Office action for the above-identified case and the February 16, 2000 telephone interview between the Examiner and applicants' representative. Reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Please amend claims 1, 14, and 31 as follows:

(Amended) A system for distributing program guide data-from a main facility through local systems to a plurality of receivers, comprising:

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